IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

R.I. WILLIAMS,)	
Plaintiff,)))	NO. 3:09-1002 JUDGE HAYNES
v.	ĺ	
JOE EASTERING, Warden,)	
Defendant.)	
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Before the Court is the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (Docket Entry No. 39) to which Petitioner has filed timely objections (Docket Entry No. 42). Upon <u>de novo</u> review of the Report and Recommendation and after considering Petitioner's objections, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation.

Accordingly, the Petitioner's request for an evidentiary hearing (Docket Entry No. 33) is **DENIED** in light of the state record. Petitioner's petition for the writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED** and this action is **DISMISSED** with prejudice. The Court **GRANTS** the Certificate of Appealability only on Petitioner's claim for ineffective assistance of counsel.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTERED this the ______day of September, 2010.

WILLIAM J. (HAYNES, JR United States District Judge